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IMPERIAL PROCLAMATION TO THE JAPANESE PEOPLE.

Result of the War Directly Attributable to the Harmonious Efforts of the Whole Nation—Japan's Soldiers and Sailors Have Earned a World Wide Reputation. London, April 22.—The Central News correspondent in Tokio telegraphs a summary of an imperial proclamation issued to-day to the Japanese people. The emperor states that he is convinced that the peace concluded at Shimonezaki will promote the national prosperity, which has ever been his highest aim. The glorious result of the war, he says, has been achieved by the harmonious efforts of the whole nation. The ministers, the army, the navy and the people's representatives have done everything in their power to make Japan strong and ready to realize the emperor's aspirations. They have omitted nothing in perfecting the plans of national defence. The soldiers and sailors of the empire have won everlasting glory by their behavior abroad. They have advanced and fought unflinching of winter's bitter cold and summer's blazing heat and they have triumphed everywhere.

They have earned a world-wide reputation for discipline and humanity. No praise is too high for their loyalty and valor and the glory both have added to the empire. At the same time much remains to be done in the new march toward higher civilization. It is to be hoped that the loyal subjects of the empire will realize this and will guard against the dangers of vanity and conceit. They should cultivate a spirit of modesty and humility and strive to perfect their military defenses, although without going to the extremes of national armament. They should promote education and seek to know the remedies—but not the effeminacy—of life.

The emperor rebukes sharply those who in the intoxication of victory seem inclined to insult friendly powers and complicate the empire's foreign relations. Now the breaches of faith have been repeated the exchange of treaty relations should inaugurate a period of forgiveness and friendship. Every endeavor should be made to live in peace and good will with the nations of the earth. The emperor closes the proclamation with the statement that strict obedience of his wishes, as indicated in this document, will be exacted from all his subjects.

FRANCE VIEWS IT DIFFERENTLY. Paris, April 22.—The Temps says in a strongly worded leader on the terms of peace: The treaty will constitute a permanent menace to the interests of Europe. It is a grave infringement on the rights of the powers whose possessions have a common frontier with China, and Europe will find it difficult to understand or forgive the one western power that is selfishly holding aloof and thus destroying the efficacy of the peaceful intervention of the others.

Berlin, April 22.—The Koenigsche Zeitung says that the German, French and Russian ministers in Tokio have addressed identical notes to the Japanese government protesting in a friendly but energetic manner against the terms of peace.

FLURRY IN WHEAT.

Sensational Scenes at Chicago's Board of Trade.

Chicago, April 22.—The advance in the price of wheat which began last week continued in a sensational manner to-day on the board of trade. When trading began there was a wild scramble for wheat, July being the favorite option. In ten minutes the price had reached 63 cents, which was two cents over the closing price of Saturday. The action of the bears in selling a lot at 62 cents checked the advance and there was a reaction to 62 cents. The market fluctuated between those prices for some time. The wheat pit was jammed with brokers who held buying orders. Everybody wanted wheat in a hurry.

The flurry to-day was not due to the rushing of the shorts to cover, but to a sudden and general demand for the grain. The trading was so fast and furious that the pit presented a panicky scene and it is estimated that twenty minutes from the opening more than ten millions had changed hands. Armour & Co. made an enormous profit by the advance, as the firm is credited with owning twelve million bushels in local elevators. Wheat has advanced seven cents since a week ago, and at that rate the firm's winnings amount to \$40,000. W. T. Baker, president of the board, is also said to be a heavy winner.

OMNIBUS MEN ON A STRIKE.

Five Thousand Are Out-Charged Upon With Drawn Swords.

Paris, April 22.—The long threatened strike of the Paris omnibus men began to-day. Only a few of these vehicles are running, and they are escorted by police. Five thousand men are out. The strikers attacked an omnibus this morning. The police charged with drawn swords, wounded two and arrested seventeen. The most ardent socialists in the municipal council are moving to obtain a special sitting to consider the advisability of depriving the company of its concession. The public supported the strikers in 1890, but now oppose them, as the company has fulfilled the conditions then imposed.

Major General McCook Retired. Washington, April 22.—A general order was issued at the war department to-day announcing the retirement of Major General A. McD. McCook. The order reviews the career and services of the general.

MILLIONAIRE IN DURESS.

While Disheartened Poor Committed Forgery—Held to \$15,000.00.

Boston, April 22.—An evening paper says: According to reliable information Frank Howard Poor, formerly of Haverhill, this state, and now an inmate of the Massachusetts reformatory at Concord, is many times a millionaire, having recently been left an estate which is worth \$15,000,000.

Some months ago Poor became disheartened and committed the crime of forgery of which he was convicted at the January term of the superior court and was sentenced to the reformatory at Concord for one year. The vast wealth that has come into his possession comes to him, according to this same information, through the will of Millionaire Howard of Nevada, the young man having been named after that gentleman. Other parties in Sacramento and Oakland, Cal., and Carson City, Nev., are said to be benefited by the will. Poor is twenty-four years of age and has always been considered a bright young man. His associations of late years have not been of the best, and to that effect is attributed his downfall.

He has one sister, Miss Kitty Poor, who is now living in Lynn, this state. His parents are dead. The fortune which has been left him is well invested in gold mines, real estate mortgages, etc., yielding an enormous yearly revenue. Poor will not be released from the reformatory until January, 1896, unless his friends are successful in securing a pardon for him.

HUNTINGTON WAS ARRESTED.

Charged With Having Violated the Interstate Commerce Law.

New York, April 22.—Collis P. Huntington, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, was arrested in his office this morning by United States Marshal McCarthy on a warrant issued on an indictment found against him by the grand jury of the northern district of California. The indictment charges that Mr. Huntington, on January 10, 1894, issued a free pass over his company's railroad to Frank M. Stone, and thus violated the interstate commerce law by making an unjust discrimination against it. The indictment was filed in California on March 26 last.

Mr. Huntington was taken before United States Commissioner Shields for examination on the question of identity. He admitted his identity and was held to await the issue of a warrant of removal to California for trial.

United States District Attorney MacFarlane at once went before Judge Brown in the district court and applied for the issue of the warrant. Argument on the application was adjourned until April 25. Mr. Huntington was released on his own recognizance.

DUQUENE DEFEATED.

His Business Section Entirely Destroyed by Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 22.—The entire business section of Duquesne, on the Monongahela river, twelve miles from Pittsburg, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is about \$100,000. Twenty buildings were destroyed, comprising what was known as the First National bank block on Railroad street. The fire is supposed to have been caused by incendiaries. Some small frame houses at the west end of the block were torn down to check the progress in that direction. The destruction of these houses alone saved the entire town from being destroyed. The rain also aided in checking the flames.

FOREST FIRES RAGING.

Considerable Valuable Timber Destroyed in Pennsylvania.

Oil City, Pa., April 22.—Forest fires have been raging in this neighborhood for two days, and considerable valuable timber has been destroyed. Saturday morning the combined efforts of E. E. Clancy, at President, caught fire and several hundred acres were burned over. At Powell's Ridge three men deliberately fired the woods adjoining. They were chased for several miles by neighbors but escaped.

At Penock, a suburb of Oil City, the entire neighborhood and called out the fire yesterday on the Cope farm, where several large tanks of oil, pumping rigs and residences were threatened. The fire was put under control after having burned about eighty acres. Vigilance committees are being formed all over the region to run down those who may start fires in the woods.

TO BE TRIED BY CIVIL TRIBUNAL.

Secretary Gresham Writes to Know Why Ex-Consul Waller Was Arrested.

Washington, April 22.—Secretary Gresham had directed Mr. Eustis, the United States ambassador to France, to ascertain from the French government the reasons for its arrest and detention of John L. Waller, ex-United States consul at Marseilles, who arrived in confinement at Marseilles on a French warship Saturday. Mr. Eustis has been investigating the matter and it is said that he has secured from the French government a promise that Waller will be tried by a civil instead of a military tribunal. John M. Langston, ex-minister to San Domingo, Waller's counsel, says he believed the report recently published that Waller was tried by a French military court in Madagascar and sentenced to twenty years penal servitude, was incorrect.

Appointed Dean of Canterbury.

London, April 22.—The Venerable Frederick William Farrer, D. D., F. R. S., archdeacon of Westminster, has been appointed dean of Canterbury.

STONY CREEK'S SENSATION.

Assistant Postmaster Ross Goes Wrong.

Supposed to Have Fled to Europe—Postmaster Hibbard Investigating—How the Shortage Was Discovered—Ross Was Formerly of New Haven.

Stony Creek, April 22.—The local postoffice, which was made the subject of an investigation a short time ago, has developed another sensation, which has caused the postoffice department to send here an official to make another investigation. The cause of the visit of the postoffice inspector here is the disappearance of the assistant postmaster, Alexander W. Ross, who left the office on Thursday, April 11, and has since been missing. His sudden disappearance led the postmaster, F. W. Hibbard, to make an investigation into the account of the postoffice, and with the result that it has been discovered that about \$190 belonging to the postoffice department has been stolen by the missing assistant postmaster. Ross is about thirty-five years of age and has been a resident of the place for several years. During the term in which Postmaster Jackson held the local office, Ross was employed as a clerk in the office. He was a bright young man and practically ran the office for the postmaster. He was considered trustworthy, and the postmaster had the greatest confidence in his clerk. At the time that Hibbard took control of the postoffice, he was entirely unfamiliar with the method in the running of the office and being acquainted with Ross, the new postmaster employed him as his assistant. It was understood that as soon as Postmaster Hibbard would become acquainted with the details in connection with conducting the office that Ross would sever his connection. This was three months ago. Since that time Ross has practically had full control of the business in the office and had the handling of the funds, etc. It is customary for the postmaster to examine the accounts once a week, and forward to Postmaster Bennett of the Hartford postoffice the cash for money orders. In return for the cash that is sent to the Hartford postoffice the postmaster there sends back to the local office a yellow card for a receipt. The work of examining the money order accounts is done by the postmaster, Hibbard, April 11, and the cash amounting to \$190 was placed in an envelope and sealed.

The work was done personally by the assistant, Ross, however, handed the roll of bills to Hibbard before he sealed the envelope and asked Hibbard to examine the amount and see if it was all right. Hibbard had full confidence in his assistant and believing that everything was all right, he did not make an examination. Ross was then supposed to place the envelope in the mail for Hartford. It appears, however, that this was not done, but instead he left the envelope and the money in the desk and when he closed up the office that night he took the money away with him. Nothing has been seen of the assistant postmaster since, and the delay in receiving a receipt from Postmaster Bennett of Hartford caused Postmaster Hibbard to become suspicious. He made inquiries of the Hartford postmaster and that official replied that he had not received the regular remittance from the Stony Creek office for that week. A day or two afterwards a discovery was made by Postmaster Hibbard which threw some light on the mysterious disappearance of his assistant. It was a postal card upon which was written in Ross' handwriting, in a few lines, a request to a Transatlantic steamship company for some information regarding the sailing of a steamer from New York on Good Friday. Ross wanted to know the hour of departure of a steamer for Southampton from New York. Before he had finished the card he was about to write, he deposited the postal card and carelessly threw it into the waste basket. When he came across the postal Postmaster Hibbard put the pieces together and deciphered the writing. It was signed by Ross. He concluded that his assistant had skipped with the funds, and immediately took steps to notify the postoffice department of the matter. Hibbard further investigation was also found that the steamer concerning which the assistant postmaster was seeking the information sailed at noon on Good Friday, and as Ross had not been heard from since, it is believed that he took passage upon the steamer for Europe.

It has been learned that Ross' wife has since left the place and has gone to live with her folks in Southington. Ross left many creditors, it is said, behind him in the place and to-night it was stated that he got away without paying bills that amount to over \$500.

During the time that Sheriff Gates had charge of the New Haven jail Ross was a prisoner at the institution, having been sentenced for a term for bigamy. For the last three months of his term in jail he was made clerk in the institution. After the expiration of his sentence Sheriff Gates appointed him to the position with a salary. This position Ross held for some time. He was also employed as the manager of the Hartford club and also worked for the Heubleins in Hartford. Six years ago Ross was employed as bookkeeper and cashier at Heublein's cafe in New Haven.

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FESTIVITIES AT CONEY ISLAND.

Madden Won From Connors in the Twenty-fifth Round.

Seaside Athletic Club, Coney Island, April 22.—Owing to the rain there was a light attendance at the arena of the Seaside Athletic club this evening. The first bout was a six-round one at 145 pounds between Alfred Hanlon of England and Shadow Maber of Australia. The former claimed to be at weight, while the latter said he weighed but 143 pounds. This was Maber's first appearance in a fight in the east. In the first four rounds but few telling blows were exchanged, and the spectators began to think that the contest was a "fake." In the fifth and sixth rounds the fighting was spirited. There was no knock-out and the two men were strong enough to land and deliver enough to fight at least twenty more rounds. The referee declared Maber the winner.

The second bout was between Jack Skelly of Brooklyn and Johnny Gorman of New York at 127 pounds, eight rounds. The men were pretty evenly matched, and the contest was a lively one. Gorman had a shade the best of the first six rounds, while Skelly showed up prominently in the last two rounds. The referee declared the fight a draw.

The star event was a twenty-five round bout between Jack Madden of Brooklyn and Jack Connors of Springfield, Ill., at 155 pounds. The men fought well from start to finish, and many stiff blows were exchanged. In the first round Madden swung his right on Connors' nose and brought the claret. During subsequent rounds Madden repeatedly struck Connors on the nose, and had him bleeding like a stuck pig. He also nearly closed Connors' left eye. Madden, too, had one eye nearly closed, and shed some blood.

The twenty-fifth round was the hardest fought one of the entire contest. The referee decided in favor of Madden.

Buchanan Must Die To-morrow.

Sing Sing, N. Y., April 22.—The execution of Dr. Buchanan has been fixed for Wednesday.

Favor Free Coinage of Silver.

Nashville, April 22.—The house to-day concurred in the senate resolution declaring for the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and instructing the Tennessee delegation in congress to support such legislation. The vote stood 47 to 33.

Ex-United States Senator Wilson Dead.

Fairfield, Ia., April 22.—Ex-United States Senator James F. Wilson died to-night.

Was Born in Danbury.

Brooklyn, April 22.—John W. Carrington died to-day. He was born in Danbury, Conn., on May 30, 1817. Mr. Carrington helped to build the island of Cuba railroad in 1860. Later he was engineer to the Nicaragua railroad. He also organized the Havana Express company.

HARRISON FOR PRESIDENT.

May Be Nominated on a Conservative Bi-Metallism Plan.

Indianapolis, April 22.—An Indiana republican who was in Washington during Mr. Harrison's administration, and who takes a hand in national politics, said to-day that Benjamin Harrison will be the compromise candidate of the currency factions next year. "He will be nominated on a conservative bi-metallism plan," he said. "Of all the republicans spoken of for president he is the only man that comes anywhere near satisfying the gold men in the east and the silver men in the west." The ex-president will say nothing of his views.

First Free Public School.

Boston, April 22.—By means of an old deed between two of the earliest merchants of Boston, C. E. Riddle locates the site of what many scholars believe to be the first recorded free public school in America, supported by general taxation; namely, on the south side of Cornhill, near Washington street, in this city near where the first meeting house stood.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The Annual Parish Meeting—The Temporary Place of Worship.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of Christ church parish was held at the church last evening, with the following result:

Wardens—Lemuel A. Austin, Wilbur P. Day.

Vestrymen—Isaac R. Cornwall, Samuel H. Kirby, Elliott H. Morse, Edward A. Todd, William W. Thomas, Charles W. Blakeslee, Jr., Hubert R. Allen, Joseph B. Morse, Frank J. Linsley, Frank Westervelt, Augustus L. Frisby, Edmund J. Silk, Frederick C. Earle, Charles H. Fowler.

Clerk—Joseph B. Morse.

Treasurer—Edmund J. Silk.

Auditors—Charles E. Cornwall, Frederick M. Burgess.

Delegates—Lemuel A. Austin, Wilbur P. Day.

Alternates—Elliott H. Morse, Frederick C. Earle.

The church has made arrangements for the use of Anderson's gymnasium on York street on Sundays and for holding the other services until the new church edifice is built. The church has also contracted with Hutchins of Boston to build for it a new organ and is negotiating with two or three churches for the sale of the old organ.

Mr. Parnell's Mind a Blank.

Bordentown, N. J., April 22.—Mrs. Parnell's condition remains unchanged and her mind is still a blank.

DEDICATED THEIR ARMOY.

A MEMORABLE EVENING FOR THE GOVERNOR'S FOOT GUARD.

The exercises at the Armory—The New Armory Inspected by the Governor and Staff—The Exercises at the Armory Followed by a Banquet—A Brilliant Event. The dedication of the new armory of the Second Company Governor's Foot Guard on Whiting street took place last evening and was a most enjoyable and successful affair in every respect. The evening selected was an appropriate one, it being the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the departure of the company for Lexington under the command of Captain Benedict Arnold in response to the "Lexington Alarm."

The exercises were all held in the Second regiment armory, although the Governor's Foot Guard armory was open to the inspection of those who wished to go through it. During the evening it was inspected by the governor and his staff, who were very much pleased with it. The First Company Governor's Foot Guard of Hartford were also the guests of the evening. They arrived about 8 o'clock and were met at the depot by a detail from the Second Company and escorted to the armory. There were 116 men under command of Major Hyde. The armory was very prettily decorated with pink and light blue streamers and presented a very fine and attractive appearance.

Governor Coffin and his staff were stationed on the north side of the armory, from which position they viewed the military manoeuvres.

The exercises opened with a concert by the Governor's Foot Guard band, lasting from 7:45 to 8:15. This was followed by the formal reception of the First Company of Hartford. Then came the reception of Governor Coffin by both companies of guards, after which both companies were reviewed by the captain general, his excellency the governor, who marched through the armory accompanied by Major Brown and followed by his staff. At 9 o'clock the companies went through with the battalion movements and the exercises of the evening at the armory were closed with the dress parade.

The military movements and manoeuvres were executed with great precision and accuracy and called forth much applause from the large number of spectators.

After the exercises were ended the governor and his staff with the invited guests were escorted to carriages and driven to the banquet hall in the store formerly occupied by Ewen McIntyre on Chapel street. The hall was very prettily decorated by Florists S. H. Moore & Co., and an elegant repast for 400 was prepared by Perry, the caterer. After the guests had partaken of the banquet, Major Benjamin E. Brown, who was the toastmaster of the evening, spoke some words of welcome to the assembled guests. He introduced as the first speaker of the evening His Excellency Governor O. Vincent Coffin, the captain general of the company. He spoke in the main as follows:

"I had made arrangements with the mayor of the city to make my speech. But there is one here whose functions I feel rather ashamed as I was usurping, your former captain general, ex-Governor Morris. I see ex-Adjutant General Bradley here also anxious to make a speech. In looking over this company I am reminded of the day the Governor's Foot Guard represented Connecticut at Philadelphia. Only one hundred men among a great multitude. The parade was a most beautiful and inspiring sight and of all that thirty thousand men no soldiers marched so well or called forth so much applause as the Governor's Foot Guard."

"I am glad we met to-night not as partisans. I am glad this isn't a political meeting. I am glad we all meet here with enthusiasm for the same flag. Now I have made a poor part of my speech. I will leave Mayor Hendrick and ex-Governor Morris to make the better part. Gentlemen, I thank you for your attention."

Major Brown then introduced ex-Governor Morris with some very appropriate remarks. He was warmly received and spoke in part as follows:

"Governor Coffin has told you that he wanted me to make part of his speech. It is this: He wanted me to thank the military department of the state of Connecticut for the fine showing it has made to-night, and that he feels that he has at his command a band of brave, capable and efficient men should any trouble ever arise, which God grant there will not."

"I do not feel that there is a true citizen of the state of Connecticut who begrudges the money that is paid to support the military department of this state. If this state should ever declare hostility to the military department it should never want to be governor."

He was followed by Mayor A. C. Hendrick, who made an admirable speech, after which Major Hyde of the First company made the last speech of the evening, soon after which the company broke up.

The use of the banquet hall was very generously given to the company free by Lieutenant Ewen McIntyre, the dry goods merchant, who shared in the honors of the evening and contributed much to the happiness of the hour. The banquet committee consisted of Messrs. Ewen McIntyre, E. H. Clark and Loren H. Stannard.

Among some of those at the armory were Attorney James T. Moran, Insurance Commissioner Frederick A. Betts, Manager George B. Bonnell, Alderman James H. MacDonald, Attorney Carlton E. Hoadley, Professor William E. Chandler, James D. Dewell, Captain Charles H. Townsend, Judge Simon E. Baldwin, Captain Lawrence O'Brien, Councilman Carrington, Rev. J. Lee Mitchell and Rev. J. E. Twitchell, the chaplain of the Second regiment. Many old friends greeted General James H. Jarman of the governor's staff, a former

New Haven boy. Crowds collected on Chapel street at the scene of the banquet to catch glimpses of the brilliant scene during the banquetting.

On the staff of the governor were Brigadier General C. P. Graham, Colonel W. E. F. Landers, General W. E. Disbrow, Colonel L. R. Cheney, General G. A. Bowen, General H. S. Peck, General J. H. Jarman, General L. M. Daggett, Colonel H. L. Camp, Colonel F. C. Johnson, Colonel W. J. Miller, Colonel H. W. Weissels, and Captain J. M. Thompson.

On the staff of General Graham were Lieutenant Colonel J. B. Houston, Major F. G. Beach, Major W. F. Bidwell, Major Walter Fitzmaurice, Major George E. Albee, Major S. A. Crandall, Lieutenant Colonel L. B. Almy, Major H. A. Giddings, Captain C. P. Carter and Captain T. C. Waterous.

Among the civil guests present were ex-Governor L. B. Morris, ex-Adjutant General E. E. Bradley, General Harrison, Hon. N. D. Sperry, Mayor Hendrick, Captain A. D. Sanborn, General L. A. Dickinson of Hartford and Captain Charles H. Townsend.

THE STROLLERS.

A Large and Fashionable Audience—Great Success of the Raspberry Shrub Sec.

A long time ago, in 1780, Mrs. Hannah Crowley's play, "The Belle's Stratagem," was produced in London at Covent Garden theater, in which production Miss Young created the role of "Letitia Hardy." The play was a great success and the character of this mischievous loving girl has been a favorite with great actresses ever since. At the Lyceum theater under Henry Irving the play was revived, Ellen Terry acting the part of "Miss Hardy" and Irving himself playing "Doriot." Mr. Daly's production will be remembered by many when Miss Rehan (or as William Winter would say, our wanton Ada) essayed the part. "Charity covers a multitude of sins" and under the guise in charity many and multitudinous are the agonies that are inflicted on a suffering public. Last night's production of this famous play by the "Strollers" for the benefit of the Yale Infirmary attracted a large and fashionable audience to the Hyperion theater, but there is no doubt that the best impression was made by the company in the after sketch, "Raspberry Shrub Sec." This is not because the production of the first play lacked good points, on the contrary its excellencies were many. The scenery was charming, the costumes rich and artistic, the attention to stage business noticeable moreover. Mrs. Richard's assumption of the part of "Letitia Hardy" was extremely good; but those who had seen this same company in New York with the same play noticed that in so large a house as the Hyperion the elocution was indistinct, so that the points of many of the lines were entirely lost and the play did not quite take the hold on the audience one might have expected. The plot is ingenious and well developed. "Letitia Hardy" and "Doriot" we are told early in the first act are to be united in matrimony, according to a mutual agreement of their respective parents. "Doriot's" lack of enthusiasm leads "Miss Letitia" to adopt vigorous means to bring him to her feet; assuming he is awkward, gawky, manner she first disgusts him absolutely and then at a masquerade, as a graceful charming woman completely envelops him. After a marriage ceremony with "Miss Hardy," to which everyone aids in a plot to secure him, "Miss Letitia" reveals herself to him as the fair enchantress who in mask had won his affections, and the curtain is rung down on this successful end to her stratagem. In the after sketch we see two old maids whose opposition to their niece's engagement to a young man is very strong because he has been known to take an occasional glass of beer. Mistaking a bottle of champagne for some raspberry shrub, they drink it with the result that they become "toasted" and are thus guilty of the very weakness they accuse the young man of. The result is, of course, happy. They decide to confess their sin to him, but instead grant their consent to the match "A vola tout." This sketch was admirably, nay more remarkably well acted, and gave great enjoyment.

THE BELLE'S STRATAGEM.

A comedy in three acts by Mrs. Hannah Crowley; revised by Edward Fales Coward. Produced under the direction of Richard Barker.

Doriot.....Edward Fales Coward
Mr. Hardy.....Eugene O'Sullivan
Flutter.....Joseph G. Lamb
Saville.....John Frederick Cook
Villiers.....John P. Nicholas
Letitia Hardy.....Miss Nellie Cox
Mrs. Eugene Lamb Richards, Jr.
Mrs. Racket.....Miss Bertha Swift
Miss Ogilvie.....Miss Alice Cruger
Masqueraders by Miss Gertrude Shipman, Miss Josephine Shaw and Miss Nina Veltre; and Messrs. Frederic Woodruff, William Allen Belden and Sterling Postley.

SERVANTS—George Arthur and Charles Woodruff.

RASPBERRY SHRUB SEC.

A character sketch in one act and two scenes by Frank C. Drake, author of "Helen." Produced under the direction of May Robson.

Cast of Characters.

Hannah Dewey, a witty Presbyterian maiden of fifty winters.....
Sarah Jane, her elder sister, with a touch of rheumatism "for supper".....
Jenny, her niece.....Miss Harrison
Bob Taylor, an every-day sort of fellow.....John Frederick Cook
Time, The Present.

Church Fair.

The fair of St. John's R. C. church in Highwood closes to-night. The fair opened Easter Monday night.

In Branford.

The St. Mary's Ladies' Temperance society of Branford will give a May festival in the town hall of that place May 23 and 24. A large number of New Haveners will undoubtedly attend.

IS AGAINST FREE SILVER.

ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE STRONG FIGHT AGAINST FREE COINAGE.

Contest to be Carried on Along the Lines Laid Down in President's Message—Members of the Cabinet to Make Speeches in the Several Sections of the Country.

Washington, April 22.—A strong and vigorous fight against the free and unlimited coinage of silver, independent of international agreement, is to be made by the administration. With that end in view officers in the various departments, appointed under the present administration, are being urged to organize systematically for the purpose of conducting the contest along the lines laid down in the president's message. Many of the higher officials who enjoy reputations at home as stump speakers will probably take to the field early in the summer and others are even now engaged in writing letters to their local papers or to personal friends impressing upon them the importance of maintaining the administration in the position it has outlined.

Federal officers in the several states will organize a nucleus about which all who uphold the administration, or rather who are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver, will be expected to rally. Secretary Carlisle will certainly make two or more speeches in the Kentucky campaign. Secretary Morton will deliver an address in Chicago and perhaps one in St. Louis. Secretary Herbert and Congressman Clark will probably speak in Alabama. Postmaster General Wilson is being urged to go west and speak in Illinois and Indiana, and may find time to do so in the summer.

The president is represented as being thoroughly in earnest in this proposed crusade against the free and unlimited coinage of silver and will leave no stone unturned to prevent the free silver men from gaining headway. Perfected state organizations with this end in view are now being formed and these organizations will be extended to the counties and even into districts.

Held Their Annual Ball.

The Peck Brothers' Mutual Aid association gave their annual ball in Harvard hall last evening. Over one hundred couples were in the grand march. Professor F. P. McCabe prompted.

To Act on Cleveland's Letter.

Hartford, April 22.—Clifton B. Davis, chairman of the democratic state central committee, will call a special meeting of that body at its earliest convenience, for the purpose of taking action on the president's proposition as outlined in his letter to the Chicago business men. It is probable that the state central committee will call a state convention to take action on the matter.

AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH HOUSE.

To Give the Little Ones Summer Trips. The entertainment and play to be given at St. Paul's parish house to-morrow evening, the 23rd inst., bids fair to be both unique and entertaining. Some young lady members of the Sunday school and guild, with "thoughts on kindness bent," conceived the idea of providing a fund from which monies could be drawn to provide fresh air trips in the summer for sick children and elderly people and also for sending misadventures into the country. The result of the efforts is a "musical," to be followed by the English play, "Tel on parle Français," or "The Major's Mistake," with the following cast:

Cast of Characters.
Mrs. Spriggins.....Miss Dora Jenner
Angelina (her daughter).....
.....Miss Violet Blogg
Julia (wife of Major Rattan).....
.....Miss Nellie Cox
Ann Maria (maid of all work).....
.....Miss Clara Beebe
Major Regulus Rattan.....
.....Mr. Stanhope D. Blogg
Mr. Spriggins.....Mr. George L. Hamilton
Victor Dubois.....Mr. H. F. Blogg
Committee of management: Chairman, Mr. H. F. Blogg; Miss Dora Jenner, Miss Gessner, Miss Cox, Miss Holister, Miss Hendrick, Miss Green, Miss Albrecht, Miss Gobel, Miss Mamie Jones, Miss Grace Chapman, Miss Beebe, Miss Russell, Miss Violet Blogg, Miss Alice Wells.

It can indeed be doubted whether any class of benevolent work can show such good results for so small an expenditure as that accomplished by means of such a fund as that above mentioned.

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